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award grants or cooperative agreements unless specific statutory authority exists for a program allowing the award of Federal assistance.

(b) *Public notice and priority setting.*

(1) The Department shall notify the public of its intended funding priorities for discretionary grant programs, except for:

(i) Awards for which funding priorities are established by Federal statute,

(ii) Small awards, and

(iii) Awards for which program purposes would not be served by public notice.

(2) In the case of the exception in paragraph (b)(1)(iii) of this section, the award file shall be documented with the rationale for not issuing a public notice.

§ 145.12 Forms for applying for Federal assistance.

(a) Department Grants Officers shall comply with the applicable report clearance requirements of 5 CFR part 1320, "Controlling Paperwork Burdens on the Public," with regard to all forms used by the awarding agency in place of or as a supplement to the Standard Form 424 (SF-424) series.

(b) Applicants shall use the SF-424 series or those forms and instructions prescribed by the Grants Officer and approved by the Office of the Procurement Executive (A/OPE).

(c) For Federal programs covered by Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs," the applicant shall complete the appropriate sections of the SF-424 (Application for Federal Assistance) indicating whether the application was subject to review by the State Single Point of Contact (SPOC). The name and address of the SPOC for a particular State can be obtained from the awarding agency or the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance. The SPOC shall advise the applicant whether the program for which application is made has been selected by that State for review.

(d) Department Grants Officers who do not use the SF-424 form should indicate whether the application is subject to review by the State under Executive Order 12372.

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§ 145.13 Debarment and suspension.

The Department and recipients shall comply with the nonprocurement debarment and suspension common rule implementing Executive Orders 12549 and 12689, "Debarment and Suspension," as implemented in 22 CFR part 137. This common rule restricts subawards and contracts with certain parties that are debarred, suspended or otherwise excluded from or ineligible for participation in Federal assistance programs or activities.

§ 145.14 Special award conditions.

If an applicant or recipient: has a history of poor performance, is not financially stable, has a management system that does not meet the standards prescribed in this regulation, has not conformed to the terms and conditions of a previous award, or is not otherwise responsible, the Department may impose additional requirements as needed, provided that such applicant or recipient is notified in writing as to: The nature of the additional requirements, the reason why the additional requirements are being imposed, the nature of the corrective action needed, the time allowed for completing the corrective actions, and the method for requesting reconsideration of the additional requirements imposed. Any special conditions shall be promptly removed once the conditions that prompted them have been corrected.

§ 145.15 Metric system of measurement.

The Metric Conversion Act, as amended by the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act (15 U.S.C. 205) declares that the metric system is the preferred measurement system for U.S. trade and commerce. The Act requires each Federal agency to establish a date or dates in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, when the metric system of measurement will be used in the agency's procurements, grants, and other business-related activities. Metric implementation may take longer where the use of the system is initially impractical or likely to cause significant inefficiencies in the accomplishment of federally-funded activities. Federal awarding agencies shall follow the provisions of E.O. 12770, "Metric